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SUBJECT: FOREIGN OFFICE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ROK

FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT TO US

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1. KOREAN PRIME MINISTER WILL NOT RPT NOT BE VISITING WASHINGTON AFTER HIS EUROPEAN TRAVELS NOR ARE ANY OTHER HIGH LEVEL VISITS PLANNED AT THIS TIME. WHEN THEY DO OCCUR WE WILL WE PLEASED TO PROVIDE GOB APPROPRIATE FILL-IN.
2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS IN PROCESS OF INTENSIVE REVIEW OF THEIR FOREIGN POLICY WITH REALIZATION THAT CHANGING INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF NORTH KOREA MAY REQUIRE CHANGES IN TRADITIONAL ROK POLICIES.
3. WE ARE ALSO STUDYING OUR OWN POLICIES IN LIGHT OF RECENT NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC GAINS, PARTICULARLY NORTH KOREAN ADMISSION TO WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION- AS OUR THINKING DEVELOPS IN COURSE THIS REVIEW, WE QUITE NATURALLY
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WILL BE PREPARED TO EXPLAIN TO BELGIANS AND OTHER ROK
FRIENDS RATIONALE FOR WHATEVER CHANGES EMERGE. BELGIAN
POSITION REGARDING DELAYING IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH
NORTH KOREA UNTIL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AGREE TO IMPROVE
RELATIONS WITH ROK APPEARS MOST SENSIBLE TO US. WE HAVE
RECOMMENDED THIS APPROACH WHEN ASKED OUR VIEWS BY COUNTRIES

CONSIDERING EXTENDING RECOGNITION TO THE NORTH.

4. IN PASSING ON ABOVE, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION
TO THE GOB FOR KEEPING US INFORMED REGARDING THEIR OWN
POLICIES TOWARD NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

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